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STORING MEDIUM THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Sir:

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1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 61-289474, published December 19, 1986.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 63-118473, published May 23, 1988.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 3-127263, published May 30, 1991.
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 6-73949, published March 15, 1994.
5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 9-35069, published February 7, 1997.
6. S. Chippingdale et al., "A Unified Approach to Video Face Detection, Tracking and Recognition", International Conference on Image Processing, October 24-28, 1999, pp. 662-666 with Abstract.

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7. S. Akamatsu, "Recent Research on Face Recognition by Computer", Journal of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers, Vol. 80, No. 3, (1997), pp. 257-266 with Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

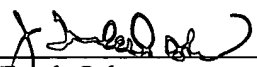
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